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The Honorable Robert Amory, Jr.
Deputy Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 "E" Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Amory:

It was very nice indeed to talk to you on the telephone this morning and I look forward with real anticipation to meeting you very soon.

The Association of Reserve City Bankers has existed for many years and its primary function is to protect and advance the interests of the banking business with particular reference to the benefit of banks located in the Federal Reserve cities of the country. Its membership comprises the top executives of most of the banks in the Reserve cities and the Annual Meeting is usually attended by from 200 to 250 members out of a roster which is limited to slightly more than 400 bankers. The real purpose of the annual meetings is to provide a place where informal gatherings and meetings can be held. The meetings cover three mornings and social activities predominate in the afternoons and evenings.

The meeting this year will take place at the Breakers in Palm Beach, Florida, from April 8th to 10th. The various committees of the Association provide an organized program and some very outstanding people in their various fields are usually present during the three-day meeting as invited guests.

On the 'phone I told you that I am Chairman of the Foreign Committee this year and at a recent meeting of our committee which took place in Los Angeles, we decided unanimously that we should like to prevail upon you to address the meeting in Palm Beach and we hope that you will be available to accept our invitation. I shall have to give you the exact date a little later on but it will probably be either April 9th or 10th. Bankers and industrialists throughout the country are, of course,

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extremely interested to know more about how the economy of Soviet Russia is going to cut into world trade and we know of no one better qualified than you to tell us something about this phase of the Soviet economy. The addresses at these meetings are off the record and no reporters are ever present.

For your information, I am sending you a list of the members of our committee and I am quite sure that from among them you will probably find some friends or acquaintances.

With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.